

Locally Grown offers free entertainment

The concert and film series starts downtown today at 7 p.m.

By Alex Dixon
Arts Editor

Tonight's performance by three local bands will kick off Chapel Hill's Locally Grown Music and Movie Series.

The summer series features local up-and-coming band performances and movies shown atop Wallace Parking Deck at 150 E. Rosemary St.

Matthew Carusona, Chapel Hill festivals and community celebrations assistant supervisor, said the series is designed to promote downtown Chapel Hill.

"In the summer, a lot of the students are away, and this makes something for students who stuck around, and also residents to go out and eat downtown, shop downtown and come enjoy free entertainment," Carusona said.

Tonight's event will feature the Lizzy Ross Band, Mary Johnson Rockers and The Spark, and Birds and Arrows.

Glenn Boothe, owner of

the Chapel Hill music venue Local 506, is a board member of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership and is responsible for selecting bands for the series.

Boothe said he tries to select local bands that have been successful at Local 506 or other local venues, such as Cat's Cradle.

"The idea is that if a band is packing Local 506 with a cover charge, then ideally two, three or four times as many people would be willing to come see them for free," Boothe said.

Boothe said that the environment of the event allows band's fans of all ages to attend the show.

"For a lot of bands that are at the level of playing Cat's Cradle, unfortunately, since it's a rock club, people with kids or kids themselves don't get to see these bands," Boothe said. "By playing this outdoor concert, it's an opportunity for all fans to come see bands perform."

Mary Johnson Rockers, singer-songwriter of the band Mary Johnson Rockers and The Spark, said she is excited about performing outside at a free-admission event.

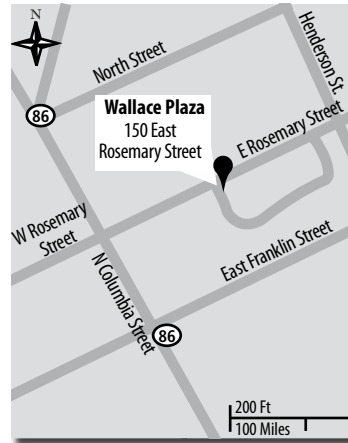
"Music and art should be accessible to anyone, and this is an opportunity for anyone to

come out and have and a good time and come support music and not worry about a price tag or a dress code," Rockers said.

Carusona said the film-screening events include dinner and a movie, a promotion that offers discounts to Locally Grown attendees who mention the promotion or bring a coupon at participating restaurants.

"The idea is that folks will go downtown, eat dinner and create this local economic impact," Carusona said.

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Jenny Marienau, field organizer for 350.org, voices her concerns about the Coastal Management Policies bill outside the NC Legislative Building on Tuesday.

Protesters present petition against sea level rise bill

By Vinayak Balasubramanian
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A group of protesters gathered in Raleigh on Tuesday to encourage legislators to reject a bill that requires planning agencies to use historical, rather than scientific data to measure rising sea levels during this century.

Armed with 3,000 signatures and displaying protest signs, ten activists — including coastal residents — voiced concerns about a bill that would not consider a state-appointed scientific panel's conclusion on sea-level rise.

The scientific panel predicted in March 2010 as much as a 39-inch sea level rise by the year 2100.

"If we plan rise on historical rise, we are not preparing for the gravity of climate change," said Jenny Marienau, the North Carolina field organizer for 350.org.

Marienau said using historical data would require the commission to assume a 8 to 12 inch rise by 2100.

"This bill throws out the best available science."

The bill, known as the Coastal Management Policies bill, requires the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission to create regulations that anticipate rising sea levels based on historical trends.

The bill passed in the N.C. Senate by a 35-12 margin two weeks ago. But the House unanimously voted to reject it last Tuesday.

After speaking in front of the legislative building, the protesters visited Rep. Pat McElraft, R-Carteret, who is the primary sponsor of the bill.

McElraft said the original study was flawed because it only used one model and ignores historical data, even though she said the panel was asked to incorporate multiple models and historical data. She said the bill will commission another study into the matter.

"We needed to direct the state agencies not to use the 39 inches that the science panel came up with, because we don't feel that was good science," she said.

McElraft, who said she doesn't believe climate change is caused by humans, said it was difficult to use the study to predict climate change.

"In 1974, the alarmists were talking about the ice age coming in," she said. "What has happened, has the ice age come in?"

She said most of her constituents wanted the bill to protect them from flood insurance increases and possible loss of property rights.

"The short term interests of industry will eclipse the voice of the people and the common good," Marienau said.

Wilmington resident Nancy Sharp said the legislature was prioritizing short term profit for developers at the expense of her community's safety.

"If you build on lands that will be comprised by sea rise, there is going to be devastation eventually and it's going to be us, the taxpayers to foot the bill," she said.

Marienau said the House rejecting the bill was a reaction to public disapproval of the bill.

The protest was sponsored by two climate change groups — 350.org and Forecast the Facts.

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Projects finalized by council

Town Council's last meeting this fiscal year ended debate on three items.

By Chessa DeCain
City Editor

The first half of the final Chapel Hill Town Council meeting Monday brought heavily debated projects to a close.

The council unanimously approved the town's budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year, the Chapel Hill 2020 Comprehensive Plan and amendments to the Land Use Ordinance for the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods.

New budget for 2012-13 approved

The council's approval of the budget came with only one major change: a previously-proposed half-cent sales tax increase to cover rising transit costs will instead be covered by a transfer from the general fund.

Town Manager Roger Stancil said it should be recognized that after four years in a recession, the council has not raised taxes or reduced the services they provide.

"I think you should be proud that the town of Chapel Hill has made it through that recession without raising the tax rate in town," Stancil said.

The approved budget also includes a 3 percent increase in town employee salaries.

Chapel Hill 2020 final draft approved

By far, the most heavily discussed topic Monday was the final draft of the Chapel Hill 2020 Comprehensive Plan. For two hours, residents and council members voiced their opinions on the plan.

Most residents said they were generally happy with the final draft of the plan, but wanted some parts of it clarified or made more specific.

Council members stressed the idea that the plan is a "living document" and that changes could be made to it when necessary.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said that flexibility is what makes the plan good.

"We have an idea of where we want to go, but we recognize that the specific direction is actually going to come when we insert the citizen input," he said. "Which is exactly the way the process has worked up to this point."

Mary Jane Nirdlinger, assistant planning director for the town, said town staff would work out how to implement the comprehensive plan over the next two months. "Our first step is really to put down the details of what we need to do," she said.

Nirdlinger said they will return with a report to the council at their next meeting Sept. 5.

The 2020 Buzz blog and Twitter will also continue to be updated in order to keep the public informed on the process, she said.

Northside/Pine Knolls plan amended

The Land Use Management ordinance was amended to restrict front-yard parking for triplexes in Northside and Pine Knolls and to require the Planning Board to approve any exceptions to the restrictions.

"Kind of an anticlimactic end to such an extraordinary process," Kleinschmidt said.

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Davis Library renovation is almost done

ITS officials said students will no longer be hired to monitor labs full time.

By Matthew Cox
University Editor

The renovation of Davis Library is nearly complete, and officials say the improvement will enhance students' studying experience.

The project, a collaboration between UNC Libraries and Information Technology Services, began in late May.

ITS contributed \$70,000 to the project, said Jeremiah Joyner, manager of ITS labs and systems.

The department spent an additional \$120,000 on two renovation projects in the Undergraduate Library and Health Sciences Library in the 2011-12 academic year.

To recoup the funding, ITS will no longer have students monitor the labs full time.

"We will no longer have to commit funding to provide those types of positions for people to monitor the labs," Joyner said.

Steve Haring, executive director for ITS finance and administration, said the decision was strictly financial and was approved by Larry Conrad, the vice chancellor for infor-

mation technology.

Conrad was not in the office Tuesday and was unavailable for comment.

"This was not something we did haphazardly," Haring said.

Two students per semester will still be hired to work with CCI printing, which is managed by ITS.

Davis Library's third floor ITS lab will be closed and converted into a study space for budgetary reasons.

The library will move 20 ITS computers formerly in the third floor lab to the first and second floors. ITS will move printing stations from the lab and two additional stations to the first and second floors.

"We're not reducing printing in the building, just relocating it," Joyner said.

"We're still waiting for the computers to be moved down so it's not completely finished yet," he said.

ITS also helped pay for some of the new furniture, including two new trampoline chairs located on the second floor of the library.

UNC Libraries paid \$40,000 to fund renovation of the second floor.

Judy Panitch, director of library communications, said the changes will be finished in the next few weeks, before the start of fall semester.

She said students have given positive feedback.



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Senior Alexandra Henshaw, junior Ana Balta and junior Alexandria Dibble (left to right) study at newly renovated Davis Library tables.

"We've been really surprised because we thought it would be disruptive," Panitch said.

During the renovation, the library has consolidated its book collection, added seating, increased the number of outlets and installed new computing tables and large display screens that can be used with laptops.

Joyner said the new power outlets will be beneficial for accommodating more students.

"A lot of students have been really happy with the changes so far," Joyner said.

Panitch said the Odum Institute will also move to Davis Library this fall from its current location in Manning Hall. She said the move is not part of the current renovation project.

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Carolina Performing Arts manager leaves

Ellen James, the marketing manager for Carolina Performing Arts, is pursuing a job offer with the Duke School of Nursing. Her last day with Carolina Performing Arts was Tuesday.

Study finds exercise reduces cancer risk

A study conducted by UNC researchers has found that any physical activity can reduce the risk for breast cancer. The study also found that weight gain can increase the risk.

Women who exercised more than 10 hours per week had the most significant reduction in risk for breast cancer, at 30 percent.

The study was led by Lauren McCullough, a doctoral candidate at the UNC Gillings School of Public Health. She and her colleagues studied more than 3,000 women from ages 20 to 98, about half of whom had breast cancer. The results were published in Cancer, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Cancer Society.

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